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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1290

1. IN THE COURSE OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO SAM NEUA, BRITISH AMBASSADOR DAVIDSON WAS INFORMED BY PHOUMI VONGBICHIT THAT SIX PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY PERSONS UNKNOWN AGAINST THE PATHET LAO IN VIENTIANE:

1) A CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE WAS SQUIRTED IN THE FACE OF ONE OF THE GUARDS WHO WAS KNOCKED OUT FOR THREE HOURS;
2) AN AMERICAN ENTERED THE GROUNDS OF ONE OF THEIR PROPERTIES AT NIGHT BUT ELUDED THE GUARDS AND MADE HIS ESCAPE; 3) ONE OF THEIR MEN WENT BEHIND A BUSH TO RELIEVE HIMSELF AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN; 4) A PACKAGE WAS THROWN INTO ONE OF THEIR COMPOUNDS AND WHEN OPENED WAS DISCOVERED TO CONTAIN A DEADLY POISON; 5) PISTOL SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM A PASSING VEHICLE AT ONE OF THEIR COMPOUNDS; 6) A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS WAS TOSSED INTO ONE OF THEIR COMPOUNDS AND WHEN THE PERFUME OF THE FLOWERS WAS INHALED, ONE OF THEIR MEN WAS KNOCKED OUT AND NEARLY KILLED BY THE AROMA.

2. WE ARE AWARE OF SEVERAL OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE BUT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHOOTING INCIDENT THEY APPEAR TO BE GROSSLY EXAGGERATED.

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THE FANCIFUL REFERENCES TO POSIONS AND CHEMICALS

ILLUSTRATE THE FEARS OF THE PATHEL LAO REGARDING THEIR
PERSONAL SECURITY.
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